Regulating educational bodies

† 1359. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal of the United States Chief Executive Officers forum, which recommended that SEZ be established on trial basis, to bring about liberalization of education;

(b) whether the American universities attract a large number of Indian students every year, the highest number from any single country;

(c) whether Government has constituted a Committee of Secretaries to suggest a model for regulating educational bodies like the University Grants Commission and the medical Council of India;

(d) whether Government has received the report; and

(e) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such data is centrally maintained.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Financing students going abroad

† 1360. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme for financing students going abroad for further studies;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) die number of students benefited under the scheme, till date;

(d) whether die State Government have enacted similar schemes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Model Education Loan Scheme of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) with the Deprtment of Financial Services of the Central Government, has provision of giving need-based loan upto Rs. 15.00 lakhs to students for studies abroad. Detailed guidelines of the scheme are available at IBA's website (www.iba.org.in)

(c) According to available information the Public Sector Banks have provided overseas education loans during the last three years as follows:-

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